[Mr. K. George.]

had put in a service of 8 years, 7 months and 11 days under the British Government. No information is available regarding his pay while in the British service. The present Sanitary Commissioner, when he was appointed to that post, had put in a service of 18 years, 7 months and 27 days. He was drawing a pay of Rs. 230 per mensem at that time.

Vernacular Text Book Committee.

327. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any representation is given in the Text Book Committee for the selection of Tamil text-books? If so, who are the members to represent Tamil, and what are their qualifications in Tamil?

(*b*) Are they aware of the several representations made by Tamilian public meetings, expressing their dissatisfaction at the inadequate representation of Tamil in the Vernacular Text Book Committee?

(*c*) Do the Government propose to remove the defect either by adding more Tamilian members to the Vernacular Text Book Committee or by constituting a separate Text Book Committee for Tamil?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(1) Mr. C. N. A. Ramiah Sastri, M. A. His second language for the M. A. degree examination in Malayalam was Tamil.

(2) Mr. U. Ramakrishna Kukilaya, B. A., L. T. He took his B. A. degree with Tamil as second language.

3) Mr. S. M. Sulaiman, B. A. He is conversant with Tamil.

(*b*) Yes, some of them.

(*c*) There is no defect.

Tamilian Members on the Vernacular Text Book Committee.

328. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) the names of the members who represent the Tamil language on the new Vernacular Text Book Committee constituted in December 1925;

(2) how it is possible to constitute a sub-committee for Tamil when a necessity arises; and

(3) whether they have received representations on this matter from any public meeting held at Trivandrum or elsewhere in the State; and if so, the action taken on them?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1), (2) and (3) The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 327. The representations are under the consideration of the Government.

Absence of Pupils from Examinations.

329. **MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether pupils of English Schools were absent on account of illness during the recent annual examinations, and if so, how many;

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